



**EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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5 May 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--April 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The U.S. air strikes against Libya were at the center of news in West and Central Africa during the month. Official and media reaction ranged from enthusiastic approval in Chad to heavy condemnation in Ghana where a policeman was killed during a demonstration in front of the U.S. Embassy. Although the self-styled "revolutionary" regimes in Benin and, to a lesser extent, in Burkina Faso denounced the American action, many African countries not only refrained from condemning the air strikes but chose not even to comment at all in their media. Among those who remained silent was the current OAU chairman, Senegalese President Abdou Diouf. Most of the radio stations in the bureau's coverage area confined their reaction to essentially factual reportage of the events compiled from the wire services and major foreign radios.

The bureau made available its reaction roundups to key mission consumers and to Leonardo Neher, U.S. ambassador to Burkina Faso, who was visiting in Abidjan. Ambassador Miller noted during a Country Team meeting that officials found the roundup very useful for gauging reaction from the region.

2. In what has now become de rigueur for new French leaders, Premier Jacques Chirac made a lightning visit to Ivory Coast on the 12th to pay his respects to President Felix Houphouet-Boigny -- the "Wise Old Man of Africa."

B. Coverage

1. After a year and a half of persistence and false starts, the bureau on 18 April began receiving the AFP French-language service via landline. Five days later, a storm knocked out distribution of the service throughout the country. As of this writing, service has not been restored. The bureau continues to monitor AFP radioteletype transmissions.

2. Beginning 26 April, the bureau temporarily discontinued its weekend evening shifts while both editors were absent from post.

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C. Technical

A malfunctioning voltage regulator the night of 27-28 April caused a massive power surge that charred a communications transformer and blew fuses in most of the bureau's on-line communications and monitoring equipment. Bureau engineer [ ] and technician [ ] were able to repair most of the equipment in a couple of hours with little loss of bureau coverage.

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II. ADMINISTRATION

1. It was announced during the month that the new deputy chief of mission, [ ] is to arrive at post on 26 July.

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2. Following the realignment of European currencies early in the month, the CFA franc jumped from the 350 level to 382 but by the end of the month had settled back to its former level.

III. VISITS

1. Bureau chief to London Bureau for one-day TDY and to annual chiefs conference 6-21 April.

2. Editor [ ] departure for CONUS R&R, wedding and European honeymoon beginning 25 April.

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3. Senior Editor [ ] on emergency visitation travel beginning 25 April.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau  
Deputy Chief, London Bureau  
Chief, Abidjan Bureau

## Abidjan Bureau Production Report for April 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	295980
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	15710
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	828

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8258.00 min.	26520.00 min.	109.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	6220	
Parakou Domestic Service in French	300	
Cotonou EHUZU in French		0

## BURKINA

Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	15720	
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French		0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French		0

## CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	990	
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	4570	
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English		0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French		0

## CAPE VERDE

Fraia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese		290
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## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	190	
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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CHAD			
Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	9010		
(clandestine) Bardai National Radio in French	0		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
*Brazzaville MWETI in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		26230	
Paris AFP in French		20460	
Paris Diplomatic Information Service in French		1760	
Paris Diplomatic Service in English		0	
Paris AFRIQUE-ASIE in French			0
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			0
			3090
GABON			
Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	3140		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>GHANA</b>			
Accra Domestic Service in English	52870		
Accra GHANAIAIAN TIMES in English			740
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			420
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
<b>GUINEA</b>			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	3200		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
<b>GUINEA-BISSAU</b>			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			240
<b>IVORY COAST</b>			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	4920		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			300
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			8260
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			720
<b>LIBERIA</b>			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	0		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	14000		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
<b>MALI</b>			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	12780		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	2520		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	5390		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	0		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	22800		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	1520		
Lagos NAN in English		25850	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
*Lagos NATIONAL CONCORD in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	6840		
DAKAR PANA in English		5830	
Dakar PANA in French		10080	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			0
SIERRA LEONE			
Freetown Domestic Service in English	2290		

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Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
THE GAMBIA Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0
TOGO Lome Domestic Service in French	4880		
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0
ZAIRE Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	6960		
Kinshasa AZAP in French		10600	
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0